

The Sheath

March General Meeting

Date: March 28, 2008

Time: 7:45 PM General Meeting

Place: San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA

Take the Alameda de las Pulgas exit off of Hwy. 92.
The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th
Avenues

Mailing address: P.O. Box 6894, San Mateo, CA
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Walter Teague Ecuadorian Orchids

Walter's talk this month will feature Ecuadorian orchids and their habitats.

Walter Teague was born in Ecuador, and lived there until he was 20. He has been interested in nature, particularly plants, since he was 5. His interest in orchids began when he was working for Pan Am Airlines. This gave him the opportunity to visit many countries, and while laying over in places like Guatemala and Panama, he would go out and collect orchids (this was in the days before CITES).

During his exploits in various orchid habitats, particularly Ecuador, he had the good fortune to discover many new species. Some have been named after him, including the genus *Teagueia*.

Walter has taken thousands of photos during his visits to Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru,

Skill Session by

Angelic Nguyen - 7:00

Angelic will teach us how to decorate with orchids

Meeting plus Show and

Tell Table - 7:45 PM

followed by

Speaker: Walter Teague
- Ecuadorian Orchids

Opportunity table by
Angelic Nguyen

Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Panama, Australia, New Guinea, Borneo and the Philippines.

To house his orchid collection, Walter began with a 6 x 8 ft greenhouse that eventually expanded to a 24 x 16 ft greenhouse. He collected many of the Pleurothallidinae, and eventually amassed a large collection of the miniatures, particularly Masdevallias and Lepanthes.

He sold his entire collection to Dan Newman (owner of Hanging Gardens), and now he grows only a few plants that thrive outside in San Francisco.

Skill Session given by Angelic Nguyen Decorating with Orchids

Angelic will do a skill session on decorating with orchids. Angelic uses orchids to beautify weddings and other gatherings. She is a skilled designer and will thrill us with her knowledge of design. (angelic@orchidesign.com)

Angelic will also provide the opportunity table with some outstanding plants.

President's Corner

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This month's POS meeting sounds intriguing. Walter Teague, a well known plant explorer and orchid expert will be speaking about some of his finds in Ecuador. Please see the announcement about his talk for more details. Walter has many orchids named after him, including the genus, *Teagueia*.

Angelic Nguyen will be supplying the opportunity table, featuring some of the many plants in her private collection.

Most importantly, this month we will be voting on the changes in the POS by-laws and articles of incorporation to enable our application for 501 (c) 3 status. See you there! Don't forget to vote! **AND this month** we have a very special event to encourage turnout and voting. There will be a special door prize (a \$50 gift certificate from one of our vendor greenhouses). All you need to do to be eligible is to show up for the meeting, vote, and get your door prize ticket. The ticket selection will occur at the beginning of our opportunity table drawings.

Also very important, please renew your membership if you have not already done so, and update your email address with Su McMurty, our membership chair. Currently the society spends over \$2000 dollars on printing and mailing our newsletter. Coming soon, members who provide their email address for newsletter mailings will get a discount on their 2009 membership. I encourage everyone to participate in this move towards a more eco-friendly and cost-efficient method to communicate with our membership.

Mary Gerritsen
President, POS.

Member News

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Carol Zoltowski, Anna Margarita Quiroz, Margery Mayer, George Plafker, Ritsuko Furuya, Carl Sutherland, Page Wuerthner, Mort Block, Joan Gerusa, Rose Marie Pfanenstiel, David Hiff, Nancy Francis, Dolores Weber Rudy Gerusa, Vicki Marchinko, Diana Gross, Paul Reeve, Reiko Soga, Ginger Creavy, Su McMurtry, Mats Hagstrom, and Evelyn Jones.

And Belated Happy Birthday wishes to our January birthdays: Joan Davis, Stella Roccaforte, June Powell, Gene Sandberg, Bob Baer, Janet Miller, Del Beumer, Lisa Heirtzler, Jean Lee, Dyann Blaine, Carol Cook, Graham Stryker, Thomas Parks, Judi Eichler, Joe Bellanti, Terry Boomer, Nick Hughes, Lisa Betts-Lacroix, and Linda Locatelli!

Welcome new members!

We would like to welcome to the society: **Carolyn Countryman, Judi and Clint Evans, Kyle Filipuzzi, Ba Thu Nguyen, Joo Bong Ra, Randall Talamoto-Hambleton, Mary Vizzi, and Twyla Weinberg.**

There may be some new members who joined in December and have not been welcomed in the Sheath. Please e-mail or call the Sheath editor and let me know who you are so I can include you next time. That also goes for anyone who joined in January or February and didn't find themselves on the list!

The POS website - better than ever

If you haven't checked in a while, you might want to take a look at our website - <http://penorchidsoc.org/>. It is up-to-date and has quite a few very useful links. I have gotten very helpful information from <http://www.orchidculture.com/>, listed under Links in the Culture section. I found out my Phiaus, bought at the 2007 SF show, needed a dry winter. I followed that advice, and it is now in bud. The newsletters, beginning with January 2008, are also available there. There is a section that describes how our various meeting modules work - the member plant sales table, the opportunity table, the show and tell table, etc. If you don't have a computer, make note of the web address and have one of your techie family members or friends help you check it out.

Bring Treats and Earn a Free Strip of Tickets

Earn a free strip of Opportunity Table Tickets by bringing refreshments to any of the meetings! Your fellow members love all kinds of goodies. Please see either Olga Ostrovsky or Rebecca Grubbs for your "thank you" strip of opportunity tickets!

Car Pool Corner

Have more fun! Talk about your orchids all the way to the meeting! Carpool with other members. You can advertise for a ride or offer a ride to and/or from the meeting. It's up to you whether you want to share gas costs (now out of this world!), trade driving, whatever. Send your car pool ad to the_sheath_editor@earthlink.net by the 5th of the month.

Watch the judges at work

Observe AOS judging (limited number of people) Friday, May 30th at Express Orchid Exhibition, 7:30 PM. RSVP to Bruce Davidson bdavidson@sjcexpress.com or 408-467-1789 x601 if you are interested.

Did you Know?

If you have a well grown plant with high quality flowers you may submit your plant for American Orchid Society (AOS) Judging at no cost? If your plant really impresses the judges and you receive an award, the AOS will send you a bill for recording the internationally recognized award.

In the Bay Area we have two regularly scheduled judging events **each month**. In San Francisco judgings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park (9th Avenue and Lincoln Way).

In Oakland judgings are held on the third Monday of each month at the Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt, 666 Bellvue Avenue, Oakland.

Both judging events are held in conjunction with regular orchid meetings and plants must be submitted for judging between 6:00 and 7:00 pm.

AOS judging also takes place at most of the local shows. Contact the show organizers for specifics regarding plant entry for judging.

More information on the AOS and orchid judging can be found at the AOS web site (www.aos.org <<http://www.aos.org/>>) or can be provided by one of the AOS judges that regularly attend the POS meetings. The AOS web site also provides a plethora of other information on orchids, and is well worth visiting.

Upcoming Events

March 22 - California Orchids Spring Sale - 515 Aspen Rd. Bolinas, 94924- 9am - 4pm. They have a good variety of orchids, seedling to specimen sizes, species and hybrids, repotting materials, books, cut flowers and plenty of advice. For directions call Mary Nisbet/ California Orchids (415) 868-0203 or www.californiaorchids.com

March 28-30 - Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale - Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose. Admission Free. For information call 408-229-2747

April 19 - Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Sale - San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo - 10 AM - 4 PM. Further information - e-mail GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers@yahoo.com or call Audrey at (408) 741-2882

May 9-11 - Orchid Society of California Mother's Day Sale - Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Belvue Ave, Oakland. Free Admission. Fri. - noon to 6 PM, Sat & Sun 10 AM to 5 PM. Information at www.OrchidSocietyofCalifornia.com.

May 17 & 18 will be the **D&D open greenhouse sale** in Half Moon Bay - 9AM to 4 PM each day. More info in the April Sheath.

May 31-June 1 - Express Orchid Exhibition. 9AM-5PM both days and free admission - Holiday Inn Express on 4th in San Jose.

Unclassifieds

Members may advertise orchid related items. The ad is free and will run three times unless you cancel it. E-mail your ad to the_sheath_editor@earthlink.net or mail to 878 Cashew Way, Fremont, CA 94536. Be sure to include your name and phone number. Ads must be received by the 5th of the month to be included that month's newsletter.

Mort and Isabelle Block have free greenhouse equipment: a 220 heater and fans. Call 650-493-0280.

Chaunie Langland has a 1 gallon water distiller with low miles for sale for \$75. 510-494-8850.

April Board Meeting

The April Board meeting will be held on Wednesday the 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the San Mateo Garden center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo. The board meetings are open to all members and we'd like to encourage you to attend. If you have any issue that you'd like brought to the board, but cannot attend, you can call any board member and they will present your issue for you.

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Be sure to vote on the changes to the
by-laws and articles of
incorporation to allow the POS to
attain 501(c)(3) status.
Several people have donated many
hours to make this possible - but
your vote is required to make it
happen!

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